

### REMARKS

Following applicants' timely reply filed on April 13, 2006, within two months of the final rejection on February 13, 2006, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action dated June 1, 2006, stating that the reply failed to place the application in condition for allowance. In response to this Advisory Action, applicants filed a timely reply on July 3, 2006. Also on July 3, 2006, the Examiner issued a Supplemental Advisory Action clarifying the Examiner's previous reasons for stating that the reply of April 13, 2006, failed to place this application in condition for allowance based on issues with the claims. This Supplemental Advisory Action also included a new recommendation to obviate any possible 35 U.S.C. § 101 objection based on the new guidelines.

Applicants respectfully submit that the reply of July 3, 2006, fully addresses the issues stated by the Examiner in the Supplemental Advisory Action concerning the claims. Applicants further submit that the above-included amendment to the specification obviates any possible § 101 objection. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendment to the specification as indicated in this response in the AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION section. Applicants respectfully submit that the requested amendment will place the application

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in condition for allowance. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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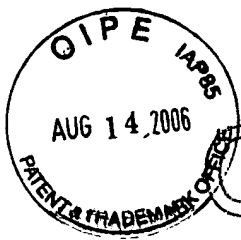
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Applicants: J.D. Bennett et al. Attorney Docket No.: MSFT116734  
Application No.: 10/020,341 Art Unit: 2192 / Confirmation No.: 1655  
Filed: October 29, 2001 Examiner: C.-C. Chow  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY VERIFYING THE  
COMPATIBILITY OF A USER INTERFACE RESOURCE

AMENDMENT D

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated June 1, 2006 in the above-referenced application, the Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 5, wherein the~~ A method for dynamically verifying resource compatibility with an operating system, the method comprising:  
obtaining a request to load a resource from an alternate resource module, wherein the alternate resource module corresponds to a selected interface of an operating system;  
obtaining a first resource content of a default resource module from which the alternate resource module was localized;  
obtaining a second resource content of a current default resource module;  
determining whether the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system based on comparing the first resource content and the second resource content; and  
loading the requested resource from the alternate resource module if the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system, including when the first resource content is the same as the second resource content as determined from comparing a representation of each of the default resource module and the current default resource module, wherein the representation is a unique number, and the unique number is a checksum [[is]] calculated using an MD5-message digest algorithm.

10-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) ~~The method of Claim 1, further comprising:~~ A method for dynamically verifying resource compatibility with an operating system, the method comprising:  
obtaining a request to load a resource from an alternate resource module, wherein the alternate resource module corresponds to a selected interface of an operating system;  
obtaining a first resource content of a default resource module from which the alternate resource module was localized;

obtaining a second resource content of a current default resource module;

obtaining version information of the alternate resource module; [[and]]

obtaining version information of the current default resource module[[,]];

~~wherein~~ determining whether the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system based on the first resource content and the second resource content, ~~includes~~ including comparing the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module[[,]]; and ~~further wherein~~

loading the requested resource from the alternate resource module if the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system, ~~includes~~ including loading the requested resource from the alternate resource module when the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module are the same.

14. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 13, further comprising:

determining whether the current default resource module or alternate resource module has been updated if the respective version information is not the same;

obtaining compatibility information for the current default resource module and the alternate resource module if no update has occurred; and

loading the requested resource based on the compatibility information.

15. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein loading the requested resource based on the compatibility information includes loading the requested resource from the alternate resource module if the compatibility information indicates that the current default resource module is compatible with the alternate resource module.

16. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein loading the requested resource based on the compatibility information includes loading the requested resource from the

current default resource module if the compatibility information indicates that the current default resource module is not compatible with the alternate resource module.

17. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 14, wherein determining whether the current default resource module or alternate resource module has been updated includes searching an information store holding compatibility information.

18. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 17, wherein determining whether the current default resource module or alternate resource module has been updated includes determining that the current default resource module or alternate resource module has not been updated if searching the information store holding compatibility information reveals an absence of compatibility information.

19. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 18, further comprising creating a record in the information store corresponding to the version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module if the current default resource module or alternate resource module has been updated.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 14, wherein the compatibility information is obtained from an information store used for tracking compatibility information.

21-24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously presented) A method for dynamically verifying resource module compatibility with an operating system, wherein the resource modules include language-specific data such that a default resource module corresponds to a default interface language and one or more alternate resource modules correspond to a selected interface language, the method comprising:

obtaining a request to load a language-specific resource from an alternate resource module;

obtaining version information of the alternate resource module;  
obtaining version information of a current default resource module;  
comparing the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module;  
determining that the version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module are not the same;  
obtaining a first resource content of a default resource module from which the alternate resource module was localized;  
obtaining a second resource content of the current default resource module;  
comparing the first resource content and the second resource content; and  
loading the requested language-specific resource from the alternate resource module if the first resource content is the same as the second resource content.

26. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising determining that the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module is the same, and loading the requested language-specific resource from the alternate resource module.

27. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 47, further comprising obtaining compatibility information previously tracked for the version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module and, based on the compatibility information, loading the requested language-specific resource.

28. (Previously presented) A computer system for dynamically verifying that a resource module is compatible with an operating system, the computer system comprising:

a resource loader for loading a resource from a resource module in an operating system;

a current default resource module including at least one resource, wherein the current default resource module has a first resource content; and

an alternate resource module including one or more resources localized from a default resource module, wherein the default resource module has a second resource content from which the one or more resources included in the alternate resource module were localized;

wherein the resource loader loads the one or more resources from the alternate resource module when the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system, including when the second resource content is the same as the first resource content.

29. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 28, wherein the alternate resource module corresponds to a selected interface language and the one or more resources are language specific.

30. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 28, wherein the first and second resource contents are represented as unique numbers.

31. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 30, wherein the unique numbers are a checksum of the respective first and second resource contents.

32. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 31, wherein the current default resource module contains the checksum of the first resource content.

33. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 31, wherein the default resource module contains the checksum of the second resource content.

34. (Original) The computer system of Claim 28, wherein the operating system includes a plurality of alternate resource modules.

35. (Original) The computer system of Claim 28, wherein the alternate resource module is selected by the user.



36. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 28, further comprising a registry resource version database holding compatibility information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module, wherein the resource loader utilizes the compatibility information to determine whether the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system.

37-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently amended) ~~The computer-readable medium of Claim 37, further comprising~~ A computer-readable medium having computer-executable modules, comprising:

a resource loader module for loading a resource from a resource module in an operating system;

a current default resource module including at least one resource having a first resource content;

an alternate resource module including one or more resources localized from a default resource module having a second resource content from which the one or more resources in the alternate resource module were localized;

a registry resource version database holding version information of the current default resource module, version information of the default resource module from which the one or more resources of the alternate resource module were localized, and compatibility information for the respective version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module[[],]; and

wherein the resource loader utilizes the respective version information to obtain the compatibility information to ~~determine whether~~ load the resource from the alternate resource module when the alternate resource module is determined to be [[is]] compatible with the

operating system, including when the second resource content is the same as the first resource content.

45-46. (Canceled)

47. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 25, further comprising tracking compatibility information by the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module, the compatibility information indicating whether the first resource content is the same as the second resource content.

48. (Previously presented) The method of Claim 27, wherein loading the requested language-specific resource based on the compatibility information includes loading the requested language-specific resource from the alternate resource module if the compatibility information indicates that the first resource content is the same as the second resource content, and loading the requested language-specific resource from the current default resource module if the compatibility information indicates that the first resource content is not the same as the second resource content.

## REMARKS

Following the Applicants' timely reply filed on April 13, 2006 within two months of the final rejection on February 13, 2006, the Examiner has issued an Advisory Action dated June 1, 2006 stating that the reply fails to place this application in condition for allowance. The Applicants disagree.

In their reply the Applicants had submitted proposed amendments to Claims 9, 13, and 44 rewriting them as independent claims incorporating all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, and canceling Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, 37-43, and 45-46, all of which currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Applicants further submitted that the requested amendments and cancellations placed all of the remaining claims in this application, Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48, in condition for allowance.

Upon receipt of the Advisory Action, the undersigned called both Examiner Chow and Supervisory Primary Examiner Zhen to discuss Examiner Chow's explanation accompanying the Advisory Action, which explanation the Applicants submit contains certain errors. Specifically, Examiner Chow states that the amendment to Claim 9 changes the scope of the claim because it does not incorporate the limitations contained in Claims 6, 7, and 8. In response, the Applicants note that Claim 9 as originally presented or subsequently amended never depended from Claims 6, 7, and 8. Therefore, Examiner Chow's statement is incorrect.

In addition, Examiner Chow states that the Applicants' reply does not properly disqualify the reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,252,589 to Bjorn C. Rettig et al. ("Rettig"). In response, the Applicants submit that Examiner Chow is mistaken with regard to the disqualification of Rettig. As indicated in their reply, the Applicants again submit that the cited reference to Rettig is disqualified from being relied upon to support the rejection of Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), because, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1), Rettig and the

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present application were commonly owned by the same assignee, Microsoft Corporation, at the time the invention of the present application was made. A statement by the undersigned asserting the common ownership at the time the invention was made properly appeared in the reply on Page 9 in a separately labeled section entitled STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP pursuant to MPEP § 706.02(1)(2).

On June 9 and June 12, the undersigned spoke with Examiner Chow and SPE Zhen, after which SPE Zhen agreed that the Advisory Action was issued in error with respect to the statements regarding Claim 9 and the disqualification of the Rettig reference, and indicated that a corrected Advisory Action would be issued. On June 13, the undersigned received a telephone call from Examiner Chow indicating that a supplemental Advisory Action would be issued to correct the errors. Examiner Chow expressed concern, however, that the amendments to Claim 9 enlarged the scope of the claim with respect to the limitations incorporated from dependent Claims 5 because amended Claim 9 recites a "unique number *including* a checksum" whereas dependent Claim 5 recites that the "unique number *is* a checksum." Examiner Chow further expressed her concern that the amendments to Claim 9 enlarged the scope of the claim because amended Claim 9 does not include all of the limitations recited in Claim 45 that originally were recited in Claim 1.

In response to Examiner Chow's remaining concerns regarding the scope of amended Claim 9, the Applicants have submitted in this Amendment modifications to the previously proposed amendment to Claim 9. In particular, the Applicants have requested that Claim 9 be amended to recite "wherein the representation is a unique number and the unique number *is* a checksum." The Applicants have further requested that Claim 9 be amended to recite "determining whether the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system based on *comparing* the first resource content and the second resource content," inserting the

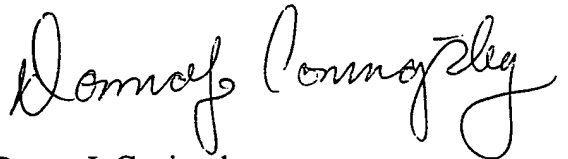
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limitation "comparing" that originally appeared in Claim 1, and which subsequently appeared in dependent Claim 45.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the modified amendment to Claim 9, as well as the amendments to Claims 13 and 44 as indicated in this response in the AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS section to rewrite them as independent claims incorporating all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, and to cancel Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, 37-43, and 45-46, all of which currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Applicants submit that the requested amendments and cancellations will place all of the remaining claims in this application, Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48, in condition for allowance. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

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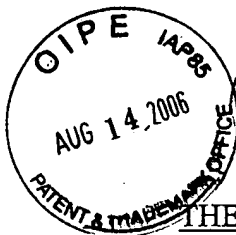
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Application No.: 10/020,341 Art Unit: 2192 / Confirmation No.: 1655  
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DYNAMICALLY VERIFYING THE  
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AMENDMENT C

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

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~~wherein~~ determining whether the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system based on the first resource content and the second resource content, ~~includes~~ including comparing the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module[[,]]; and ~~further wherein~~

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determining whether the current default resource module or alternate resource module has been updated if the respective version information is not the same;

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obtaining a request to load a language-specific resource from an alternate resource module;

obtaining version information of the alternate resource module;  
obtaining version information of a current default resource module;  
comparing the version information of the alternate resource module and the current default resource module;  
determining that the version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module are not the same;  
obtaining a first resource content of a default resource module from which the alternate resource module was localized;  
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comparing the first resource content and the second resource content; and  
loading the requested language-specific resource from the alternate resource module if the first resource content is the same as the second resource content.

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28. (Previously presented) A computer system for dynamically verifying that a resource module is compatible with an operating system, the computer system comprising:

a resource loader for loading a resource from a resource module in an operating system;

a current default resource module including at least one resource, wherein the current default resource module has a first resource content; and

an alternate resource module including one or more resources localized from a default resource module, wherein the default resource module has a second resource content from which the one or more resources included in the alternate resource module were localized;

wherein the resource loader loads the one or more resources from the alternate resource module when the alternate resource module is compatible with the operating system, including when the second resource content is the same as the first resource content.

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35. (Original) The computer system of Claim 28, wherein the alternate resource module is selected by the user.

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37-43. (Canceled)

44. (Currently amended) ~~The computer readable medium of Claim 37, further comprising~~ A computer-readable medium having computer-executable modules, comprising:

a resource loader module for loading a resource from a resource module in an operating system;

a current default resource module including at least one resource having a first resource content;

an alternate resource module including one or more resources localized from a default resource module having a second resource content from which the one or more resources in the alternate resource module were localized;

a registry resource version database holding version information of the current default resource module, version information of the default resource module from which the one or more resources of the alternate resource module were localized, and compatibility information for the respective version information of the current default resource module and the alternate resource module[.,,]; and

wherein the resource loader utilizes the respective version information to obtain the compatibility information to ~~determine whether~~ load the resource from the alternate resource module when the alternate resource module is determined to be [[is]] compatible with the

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## STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

The above-referenced application and the cited reference to U.S. Patent No. 6,252,589 to Rettig, et al. were, at the time the Applicants' invention was made, commonly owned by Microsoft Corporation.

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## REMARKS

In this third and final Office Action dated February 13, 2006, the Examiner has entered the Applicants' amendments to Claims 1, 3, 10, 13-19, 25-28, 36, 37, and 44, including the addition of new claims 45 - 48, as requested in the Applicants' previous response filed on November 4, 2005. The Examiner has also withdrawn the previous rejections of Claims 13-20, 25-36, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,252,589 to Bjorn C. Rettig et al. ("Rettig"). In addition, the Examiner has withdrawn the previous drawing rejection under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) as not showing all of the features in the amended claims, and has further withdrawn the apparent previous objection to the specification. However, the Examiner has maintained the previous rejection of Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, and 37-43, and has rejected the newly added Claims 45-46, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Rettig. The Examiner has also maintained the previous rejection of Claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Rettig in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,807,558 to Gregory P. Hassett et al. ("Hassett"). In addition, the Examiner has newly rejected Claims 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Rettig in view of the UNIX system. Claims 1-48 now remain pending.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for withdrawing the previous rejections of Claims 13-20, 25-36, and 44 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as well as the previous rejection of the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), and apparent previous objection to the specification. In this response, the Applicants respectfully traverse all of the current rejections of Claims 1-48. The Applicants again respectfully submit that Rettig, Hassett, and knowledge in the art at the time of making the invention, either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest any technology for dynamically verifying resource module compatibility with an operating system as recited in Claims 1-48.

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The Applicants further submit that the cited reference to Rettig is disqualified from being relied upon to support the rejection of Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), because, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(c)(1), Rettig and the present application were commonly owned by the same assignee, Microsoft Corporation, at the time the invention of the present application was made. A statement by the undersigned asserting the common ownership at the time the invention was made appears in this response on Page 9 in a separately labeled section entitled STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP pursuant to MPEP § 706.02(l)(2). In view of the disqualification, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36, 44, and 47-48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rettig in view of Hassett and the UNIX system.

Since Rettig and the present application are still commonly owned by the same assignee, Microsoft Corporation, the Applicants are concurrently filing a terminal disclaimer with this response in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) to preclude any potential rejections based on the non-statutory double patenting ground. The Applicants submit that the filing of the terminal disclaimer is not an admission of the propriety of any such rejections. *Quad Environmental Technologies Corp. v. Union Sanitary District*, 946 F.2d 870, 20 U.S.P.Q.2d 1392 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

The Applicants further request that the Examiner amend Claims 9, 13, and 44 as indicated in this response in the AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS section to rewrite them as independent claims incorporating all of the limitations of the claims from which they depend, and to cancel Claims 1-8, 10-12, 21-24, 37-43, and 45-46, all of which currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Applicants submit that the requested amendments and cancellations will place all of the remaining claims in this application, Claims 9, 13-20, 25-36,

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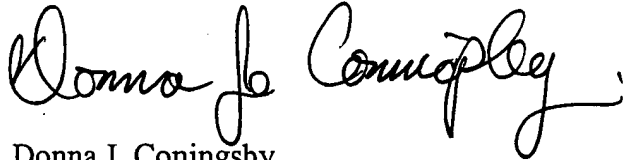
44, and 47-48, in condition for allowance. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney at the number below.

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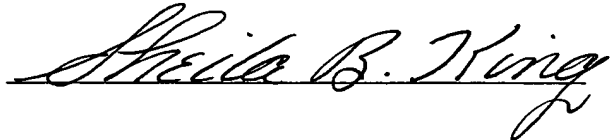


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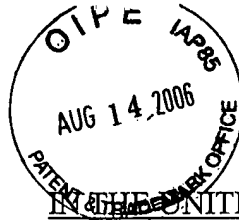
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